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BIG 4 GETTING DOWN TO BRASS TACKS TODAY

COLONEL HOUSE STILL SUBSTITUTES FOR WILSON, WHO IS UNABLE TO BE PRESENT

TENSION IS NOT DISPELLED

Will Endeavor to Place Responsibility for War and Name Tribunal to Try Kaiser and Others

Paris, Apr. 8.—The council of four met at Lloyd George's residence today. President Wilson was unable to attend this morning, but it is hoped that he will be able to be present later in the day.

The overnight tension in peace conference circles has not been dispelled, but it was felt that the session today would clear the atmosphere.

The first question taken up was that of procedure, in an effort to accelerate the work. Colonel House represented the president.

The afternoon session will be devoted to the responsibility of the war, including the question of a tribunal to try the former kaiser, the crown prince and others.

The commission on reparations has agreed on the main features and a more hopeful tone prevailed as the day went on.

10,000 TO FIGHT DISLOYALTY

Basane, Australia, via Montreal, Apr. 8.—At a meeting of returned soldiers held in the exhibition grounds on Sunday, 10,000 volunteers were enrolled as an army to fight disloyalty.

METHODIST MISSIONARY CONVENTION IN SESSION

At the Newman M. E. church this forenoon at 9:30, the district annual meeting of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary societies was called to order by Mrs. M. C. Reed, of Ashland. Beside Mrs. Reed the delegates from Ashland are: Mrs. G. F. Billings, Mrs. C. W. Hammond, Mrs. C. A. Edwards, Mrs. H. J. Van Fossen and Mrs. Hodgkinson; from Medford, Mrs. O. E. Osborne and Mrs. R. D. Henson; from Wilderville, Rev. and Mrs. Rummell and Mrs. Lovelace; from Roseburg, Mrs. M. C. Marsters and Mrs. Watson. Mrs. A. R. Maclean and Miss Olga Grace Davis of Portland are in attendance to make addresses at the meeting. The forenoon session was taken up with reports, addresses and routine business. At noon the ladies of the local societies served a luncheon in the church. Tonight at 8 o'clock Mrs. Maclean will speak on "Methodist Women in the Centenary" and Miss Davis on "Obligations in the Home Land."

TREACHEROUS COAST WILL BE IMPROVED

Dawson, Y. T., March 21.—(By Canadian Press)—Resolutions favoring improvements to coast waterways from Seattle and Vancouver, B. C., northward, including Canadian and Alaskan waters, have been adopted by the Yukon Development league. The resolutions point out the losses of hundreds of lives and more than \$200,000,000 worth of shipping in those waters. Cooperation is asked of the legislatures of Yukon, Alaska, British Columbia and Washington state, and the commercial and mining bodies of coast cities, in urging ample appropriation from Washington, D. C., and Ottawa.

BIG WHEAT CROP IN SIGHT FOR U. S.

Estimate Based on Conditions April 1 Place Yield at 837,000,000 Bushels for 1919

Washington, Apr. 8.—The largest crop of winter wheat ever grown is the forecast for this year by the department of agriculture, which bases the estimate on conditions reported on April 1. The enormous yield of 837,000,000 is announced, which, at the government's guaranteed price of \$2.26 a bushel, places the value of the predicted crop at \$2,891,620,000.

TANKS TO BECOME PART OF U. S. ARMY ORGANIZATION

Washington, Apr. 8.—Recognition of the importance of armored tanks, ordnance cavalry, in modern warfare is indicated by the peace time organization of this arm, just approved by the war department.

The United States will maintain in commission and ready for service under the plans a minimum of 1,050 tanks, 330 being of the heavy and 720 of the light type. A third type, known as the "signal tank," is provided for each company and battalion commander, 45 in all being comprised in the complete tank organization.

A tank brigade, composed of one battalion of heavy tanks and two of light tanks, will be attached to each army corps. The typical heavy battalion includes 45 fighting tanks, with 24 in reserve, and the light battalion 45 fighting machines with 25 in reserve.

THREE OVERSEAS MEN RETURN HOME TODAY

Dwight Jewell, member of the 37th Engineers served 10 months in France and when designated for return was with the army of occupation at Coblenz, returned home this morning. He was for three months stationed in the Toul sector. During the 10 months in France the only Grants Pass man he saw was Wallace Coutant.

D. Warren, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Warren, returned home this morning after serving with the Canadian army for two years and nine months. He was in the 187th Bat. Sergeant G. Spranger, medical department, base hospital 15, 18 months in France, arrived home today. He spent the greater part of the time overseas at Chaumont, France.

BUILDING NEW ROAD TO COPPER PROPERTY

E. F. Hannum, who has spent the greater part of the past three years at Takilma, is in the city today, having been recently called to his ranch on the Applegate by the serious illness of his father, Wm. Hannum, who is now in his 86th year.

Mr. Hannum has been employed at the Queen of Bronze mine, which is now shut down because of the low price of copper. He states that the new wagon road which is being constructed from a point near Waldo to the copper property about 12 miles to the south, and owned by some Chicago people, is well under way. About a mile and a quarter of the road has been finished, states Mr. Hannum, but it is a hard road to construct and some blasting through solid rock will have to be done. A donkey engine is used to grub the trees from the right of way.

PEASANTS IN ARMS MARCHING ON KIEV

Budapest, Apr. 8.—Troops commanded by Simon Petrus, peasant leader of the Ukrainians, are said to be menacing the city of Kiev. They are within a few miles of the city.

GERMAN IMPERIALISM IS THROWN IN THE DISCARD

Soviet Republic Proclaimed at Munich and Brotherly Connection With Hungarian Peoples Announced—Outbreak Due at Hamburg—Spartacans Again a Menace

Nuremberg, April 8.—The proclamation of a soviet republic at Munich has been announced in the newspapers. Enormous crowds gathered in the streets, but the news was received calmly by the people. A complete severance from the old German imperialism and the resumption of "brotherly connection" with the Russian-Hungarian peoples is announced.

Copenhagen, Apr. 8.—Demonstrations have occurred in Munich against the new revolutionary government in Bavaria, Berlin dispatches state. Demonstrations were dispersed by troops.

Berlin reports say a political movement of great importance is imminent in the region of Hamburg.

GERMAN MAIDENS ARE GREATEST OF FLIRTS

Bonn, Rheinisch Prussia, Mar. 31.—To discourage fraternization on the part of the young German women on Bonn with British soldiers the military authorities recently inaugurated a system of posting the names of women. The first such placard to appear was on last Sunday morning at the most prominent street corner in Bonn.

The week following the authorities reported that there was a falling off in the number of fraternization cases reported of more than 50 per cent.

WAVE OF CRIME SWEEPS ENGLAND AND BAFFLES SLEUTHS OF SCOTLAND YARD

London, Apr. 7.—Spectacular hold-ups, mysterious murders and thrilling jewelry robberies are claiming the best skill of Scotland Yard and holding the attention of the London public. Not for many years if indeed ever—have the authorities been called upon to cope with such a wave of crime as that which has swept the metropolis since the beginning of the year. While some arrests have been made and some men punished, the police are hard put to keep pace with the criminals.

So frequent have robberies become that London bankers have taken measures to meet possible raids on their cash counters, a proceeding hitherto unknown in the city. All cashiers have been instructed to keep cash out of sight instead of displaying it on bank counters. The police in the neighborhood of important banking houses have been ordered to be especially vigilant, particularly at the lunch hour.

The prevalence of crime was first called to the attention of the authorities when the newspapers made a sensation out of the sudden death of "Billie" Carlton, a favorite actress, who was found dead in her apartment the morning after the famous liberty ball several months ago. It developed that she had died from an overdose of a drug. An investigation showed that the practice of drugging was increasing in the city and that "opium parties" were not uncommon.

Next the city was startled by the arrest of Lieutenant Colonel Norman C. Rutherford, of the army medical corps, charged with shooting to death Major Miles C. Seton also of the medical corps, at the house of the major's cousin, Sir Malcolm Seton in Holland Park.

It is reported that Doctors Hauffenberg and Herz, Spartacan leaders, themselves masters of the situation and in converting Hamburg and the region between Hamburg and Bremen into a soviet republic.

Berlin, Apr. 8.—Dissensions have already arisen among the founders of the soviet governments in Bavaria and an intensified state of siege has been proclaimed in Munich. It is reported that the communists there have decided that they will not collaborate with the majority socialists. They have demanded the removal of the socialists from the new government which they wish to consist of communists and independent socialists.

QUESTIONNAIRES READY FOR DISTRIBUTION

A supply of questionnaires prepared by the chrome commission at Washington, D. C., have been received by Frank C. Bramwell, and may be obtained by calling at the Grants Pass Banking company, or by writing Mr. Bramwell a letter requesting that a supply be sent by mail. Under recent rulings three questionnaires must accompany each claim for reimbursement. One copy must be sworn to before a notary public or the clerk of a court. The other two must be filed with the verified questionnaire and claim.

JAPS MAKE SECRET TREATIES PUBLIC

Out-Think the Chinese by Publishing Agreements, Which They Claim Were "Not Secret"

Washington, Apr. 8.—In proof of its contention that the so-called "secret agreements" between Japan and China contain nothing secret, the Osaka Mainichi has published the military and naval agreements of 1918 between the two countries, the text of which was made public here.

Both agreements, it was provided, should be "treated in the light of military secrets." It was also provided that they should become "null and void on the termination of Japan and China's war against Germany and Austria."

Japan and China, according to the military agreement, were to take co-operative action against the enemy "in view of the fact that enemy influence is invading Russia eastward and the peace of the two countries may thus be imperiled."

Chinese authorities were to help Japanese troops and Japanese troops were to respect Chinese sovereignty, and Japan pledged herself to withdraw, on the conclusion of hostilities, all her troops within Chinese frontiers.

The military authorities of either country, it was stipulated, should consult the convenience of the other in regard to the military operations.

In the event of employing the Chinese eastern railway for purposes of military transport, it was agreed, "the existing treaties shall be respected in regard to the control, protection, etc." of this railroad, but with reference to the method of transport matters shall be agreed upon as occasion may warrant between the authorities concerned under instruction from the military authorities of the two countries.

Similar engagements were made in the naval agreement, equality to be mutually respected and, "in the event of Japan and China opening operations," the naval authorities and people of both countries were to be instructed to "preserve friendships and good will within the areas of military operations so that the object of making cooperative defenses against the enemy be fulfilled."

The area of military operations and military functions were to be agreed upon with due regard and allowances for the military strength of the two countries.

ALASKA ASKS MORE POWER FROM U. S.

Juneau, Alaska, Apr. 8.—Alaska is the latest of the globe's communities to ask for home rule. Today Senator William Britt, Juneau, introduced into the territorial senate a joint memorial asking congress to give Alaska full territorial government.

Senator Britt's memorial requested a government similar to those of other territories of the United States before they were admitted into the union of states. Alaska's present government, it declared, is much more restricted than other territories have been in the past.

Statements have been made here that too little authority is given Alaska by the federal government to deal direct with local conditions. Too many matters, it has been charged must go to Washington.

INLAND EMPIRE FARMERS CALL LABOR FROM FRISCO

Seattle, Apr. 8.—Farm labor is needed so badly in eastern Washington that Lawrence Wood, Seattle, state director of the federal employment bureau has sent a call to California for help. There is a big labor surplus in San Francisco, Mr. Wood has learned. About 1,000 men could be used on Washington farms at wages from \$60 to \$70 per month.

WILL DEPORT FORTY I. W. W. SERVING TIME

ACTIVITY OF FEDERAL OFFICIALS MAKES LIFE MISERABLE FOR ALL DISLOYAL

BOMBER TAKEN AT SPOKANE

Harry Wicks, Who Organized Portland Soviet of Radicals, Gets in Trouble at Spokane

Leavenworth, Kas., Apr. 8.—Warrants calling for the deportation of 40 I. W. W. now serving sentences in the federal prison here, have been served by immigration officials. The men will be deported at the end of their sentences.

Spokane, Wash., Apr. 8.—The police here have published a letter which they declare was found on Harry M. Wicks, of Portland, who is under arrest here on the charge of disloyalty and violation of the Mann act. The letter refers to a meeting of "C. C. C." the same initials signed to a threatening letter received by Governor Stephens of California before the executive mansion was damaged by a bomb.

Wicks was the organizer of the Portland soviet of radicals.

MINISTER OF JUSTICE PLACED UNDER ARREST

Copenhagen, Apr. 8.—Herr Landsberg, minister of justice in the national German government, has been arrested at Magdeburg, capital of Prussian Saxony, by members of regiments stationed there, it is reported. General von Kleist, commanding the Fourth army, and his staff

Copenhagen, Apr. 8.—Landsberg, minister of justice of the German government, was released at Holmstad, a dispatch says. As a result of his arrest a state of siege has been declared at Magdeburg and troops have been sent to bring those responsible to justice.

HIGH FARMING WILL BE TESTED IN UTAH

Logan, Utah, Apr. 7.—The possibilities of dry-farming a mile and one-half above sea level will be investigated this spring by the experiment station of the Utah Agricultural college. The experiment will be conducted in John's valley, this state, and will be under the direct supervision of Dr. F. S. Harris, director and agronomist of the experiment station of the college. A 40-acre tract has already been cleared, plowed and fenced for the experiment.

JOBS IN AUSTRALIAN NAVY MAY GO BEGGING

Melbourne, March 17.—Australia is faced with a difficult problem in trying to man its navy. Enlistments of 1,140 men will expire next June and according to a statement by the naval ministry, a canvass of the fleet showed that only 97 intended to remain in the service, despite the government's offer of a bonus of \$125. Unmarried seamen now are receiving \$16 a week and the married men an additional 50 cents or dollar a day, according to rating. The pay of officers is higher than in the royal navy. Every effort is being made to induce men to embark on a naval career.